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Sports physicals — The Hickam Family Practice Clinic will be open tomorrow, June 23, from 9 a.m. to noon for School and Sports Physicals. If your child is going to play sports in the 2007-2008 school year they will need a sports physical. Physicals are by appointment only; to schedule call the Central Appointment Line: 448-6000, option 1. For information only, please call Lt VanDerSchaegen at 449-2068.

Youth Flag Football & Cheerleading — Registration is open through July 20 for youth born between 1991 and 2002. Practice begins August 27. Season runs September 29 through November 17. Cost is \$65 per child. Annual Youth Membership fee of \$25 is required. For more information, call 448-2296.

Free Fitness Assessments at the Fitness Center — The Fitness & Sports Center offers free fitness assessments Tuesdays & Thursdays throughout June. Assessments include: body fat analysis, blood pressure, flexibility, strength and aerobic volume. Appointments only between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information, call 448-2214.

Summer Strike Force at the Bowling Center — From now through July 31, you can win \$500! Bowlers have a chance to win prizes such as beanie bears, T-shirts, a collectible bowling pin, Raw Hammer "Toxic," "Pain" or "Doom" bowling ball and lots more. Customers get prize cards punched just for bowling or purchasing a large Coca-Cola fountain beverage. Completed cards are entered for a chance to win a \$500 cash grand prize or \$250 second prize. No purchase is necessary to enter to win weekly and grand prizes. No federal endorsement of sponsor is intended. For more information, call 449-2702.



Photo by Terry Reis - Surf Shooter Hawaii.com

Fabian Enanoria rides into the winner's circle, last Saturday's All-Military Surf Classic Competition at Oahu's White Plains Beach.

By Mark Munsey
Special to the Kukini

Close to 150 surfers entered the All-Military Surf Classic Competition at White Plains Beach Saturday. When the flags went up for the finals, three Team Hickam members were still riding high.

Fabian Enanoria was the lone bluesuiter in the active-duty divisions, but he made the most of his rides, qualifying in both the over-30 short and long board categories.

Enanoria, who grew up on Oahu and has hit the waves for more than a quarter century took top honors in the long

board, runner up on the smaller board. Having entered the A-MSD over the last few years, he was happy to see the maturation of island military surfers.

"It was a great competition this year," he said. "The challengers have improved a lot.

As many times as Enanoria has entered, he's still a relative novice compared to Buster Kellum, one of the two Hickam members who

reached the finals in the Department of Defense categories.

Kellum, who won the DoD over-30 long board competition, has been a military surfing championship mainstay since 1988.

It was all about the timing of the heats, he said.

"My early morning waves were really good, but those who went out later in the morning were fighting for a small set of rideable waves," Kellum said. "Fortunately, thanks to the tides everyone had good surf during the afternoon finals."

Melissa Pescatore, competing in her first classic, took fifth place in the women's open longboard

division.

For the organizers, the competition is a growing blend of the old guard and new challengers.

"Every year, it's like the gathering of the tribes," said Marvin Nuestro, MWR Navy Region Beach Program manager. "It's a friendly competition for 12-month bragging right.

"It was also great to see a bunch of new faces," he shared. "We look forward to seeing the competition grow even bigger next year."

Enanoria's winning ways wasn't wave restricted. After the hardware was handed out, he found himself holding the golden ticket for a new board, a 9'4" Yater tri-fin, the grand prize gift of the competition. There's just one think keeping him from breaking it in.

"I'm waiting for the next big swell," he said. For more photos from the surfing championship, go to surfshooter-hawaii.com.



Photo by Mark Munsey

Melissa Pescatore (left) and Buster Kellum apply Sticky Bumps to their boards for traction.



Photo by Mark Munsey

Shannon Lilley, Something Different 3rd baseman, heads for home during action in the third inning. The team went undefeated in the tournament, taking all five games en route to the championship.

'Something Different' tops tourney

By Mark Munsey
Special to the Kukini

After going undefeated in pool play and earlier stages of the playoffs, the championship game didn't start out well for Something Different, a team composed of enough base softball team players it resembled an all-star lineup.

They were up against Hapa, a Navy-heavy lineup that had just crushed the Marines a half hour earlier. Such was the backdrop for the finals of the women's bracket of the 15th Medical Group June Jam Tournament held last Saturday.

Already down 3-2 after the first inning,

SD had what one player called a 'blooping inning' allowing four runs in the second, all unearned.

Hapa tacked on another run in the top of the third to go up 8-2.

Then came SD's top of the line-up. And like Ryan Seacrest's radio countdown, the hits kept on coming.

Leading off, Shortstop Kelsey Arakaki walked and moved to third on Left fielder Yvonne Nollman's double. Team coach and pitcher Joyce Gill brought them both home with a double.

Left centerfielder Kim Sinclair singled and took second on the overthrow at the

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FITNESSTIPS

START



FINISH



Photos by MSgt Benny Miguel, Section Chief at Hickam Fitness Center

MODEL: Mandy Perti

MUSCLE GROUP: Lower Back and Core

SPINAL ROTATION start: Lie on your back with hip and knees flexed at 90 degrees and both feet of the floor

- Extend both arms out slightly below shoulder level
- Lower legs to the right, bring back to the center and then lower to the left
- Ensure your upper body maintains correct positioning while completing this movement
- Perform 15 to 20 reps.

July 4 Beach Blast at Hickam Harbor

An entire day of exciting activities explodes at Hickam Harbor and Beach! Sailboat rides, powerboat rides, sailing regatta, tide pool adventure and food and Kiddieland, featuring bounce houses, pony rides, a petting zoo, carnival games and more. Prize giveaways all day long! Listen to a variety of music with the Air Force Band of the Pacific as well as local artists. And of course, the biggest bang is the massive fireworks display at 8:30 p.m. A truly incredible day! For more information, call 449-5215. The Sea Breeze Restaurant is now taking reservations for July 4 dining, between 6 and 8 p.m. Call 449-9900 to make your reservation.

Summer Craft Camps

With an ounce of inspiration, a pinch of creativity and a sparkling of imagination, your child can craft a summer of enjoyment. The Arts & Crafts Center summer camp registration is now open. Classes are open to kids ages 5 and up. Fees are \$45 per child; \$40 per second child or more. Classes fill up fast, so sign up now. For a complete schedule, visit www.hickam-services.com/arts--crafts-center.asp.

All Ranks Casino Night at the E' Club

The Club Membership Drive closes with Casino Night, June 29th from 7 to 10:00 p.m. This is a club-members-only event. Enjoy Las Vegas style games: black jack, craps, roulette,



Photo by Mark Munsey

Hitting the hardwood

Gavyn Abe, Alii flooring, starts installing new wood planks in the base fitness center gym. The gym court is scheduled to be closed through July 1 for the repair.

Texas Hold 'em and casino war. Tickets are required; Primary members are free; spouse or eligible guest is \$5, limit one guest per primary member. Sign up for Texas Hold 'em when tickets are picked up. Call 448-2271 for more information or

to purchase tickets.

Movie Under the Stars

Next Friday, June 29, at 9 p.m., grab some friends, chill out on the lawn area near King Hall and watch "Hannibal Rising" on the inflatable screen. Hotdogs,

chips and drinks are available for sale. This is an Airmen-only event, open to E1-E4 and spouses. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, inflatable chairs, pillows, etc. For more information, call TSgt. Margo Ham at 448-0418.



1st. Lt. Charles O'Connor
15th Mission Support Group executive officer

Your unit rocks because:
Quite simply, the 15th MSG Rocks because we have the best people all dedicated to accomplishing the mission. We're not just support, we are the mission from SFS protecting our bases/people to CS reaching out and provide connectivity worldwide.

My job affects all of Hickam in that: I make sure the 15th MSG/CC and his deputies are able to do their jobs, I ensure that packages from all seven of our squadrons are completed on time and the people who rely on those packages get them. Paperwork makes the Air Force flow; I help make the paperwork flow here at Hickam.

My off duty time: Is spent with my beautiful wife enjoying all that Hawaii has to offer, you can usually find us on the beach in front of Fort DeRussy.

Something people don't know about your unit: The MSG Front Office has such an incredible workload day in and day out, but the amazing people I work with up here make it all seem routine, they are consummate professionals.

If I could change on thing about Hickam, it would be: I'd like for everyone to stop for just a moment and realize how lucky they are to be stationed here and not take it for granted.

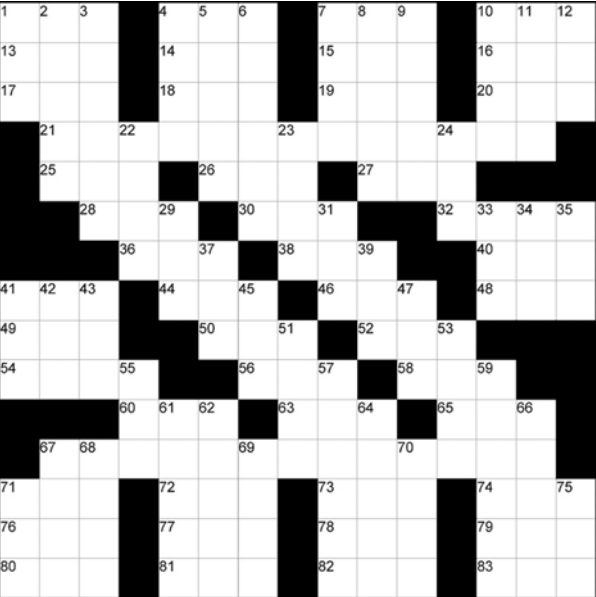
What the supervisor has to say: Lt. O'Connor is one in a million. A couple of weekends ago, he and some friends were walking down Kalakaua Avenue in Waikiki when the lieutenant saw a person approach two other people asking for money. When one of them pulled out his wallet and began looking for some bills to give the men, the lone man grabbed the wallet and ran off. As the thief approached him, Lt. O'Connor reached out and grabbed him, only to get punched in the face. Despite the pain of a broken nose, the lieutenant held on, eventually tearing the thief's shirt away. Even as the thief fled, Lt. O'Connor still pursued him, until the man, sensing he might be apprehended, pulled out the cash and tossed the wallet to the ground. Lt. O'Conner recovered the wallet and returned it to the victim.

What Lt. O'Connor did — putting himself in harm's way to help a total stranger — reminds me of the Warrior Ethos we often talk about. Lt. O'Connor walked the walk.

— Ben Borth, 15th Mission Support Group deputy chief



Crossword Puzzle: Find the base ... AFRC



By Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing

ACROSS

- 1. Enola ____
- 4. Business deg.
- 7. Ambulance occupant
- 10. A Guthrie
- 11. Tree anchor
- 12. Skin blemish
- 14. Goodbye
- 15. Woodwind
- 16. Great Lake
- 17. Middle East country
- 18. Small amount
- 19. Accountant, in brief
- 20. 67°30’ east of due north, in short
- 21. Questions
- 24. Attention getter
- 25. Rep.’s congressional partner
- 26. TV sports station

- 28. Foot part
- 31. Idiot boxes?
- 32. Ind. ARB home to 434th Air Refueling Wing
- 36. Message received will be complied with, in brief
- 38. Crown
- 39. Permitted
- 42. Slap
- 44. Stroke
- 45. ____ the Blue
- 46. Towel marking
- 47. Neon item
- 50. Preoccupy
- 52. Craze
- 55. Mistake
- 56. Prohibit
- 57. Habit
- 59. Compartment
- 61. Nibble
- 62. Enrages
- 63. Deadly sin
- 64. Okla. town host to Vance

- AFB
- 65. Guys’ counterparts
- 66. Red or Dead
- 67. Mil. phone system
- 68. UK warship stater

DOWN

- 1. Dirt
- 2. Away from the wind
- 3. Ohio ARS home to 910th Airlift Wing
- 4. Gas station
- 5. Unauthorized copy
- 6. Dined
- 7. Female sheep
- 8. Calif. ARB home to 4th AF/452nd Air Mobility Wing
- 9. Balderdash
- 10. 17 ACROSS port
- 11. Ga. AFB home to HQ AFRC
- 13. Band
- 14. Naval yes
- 22. Gun the motor
- 23. Former Soviet country id
- 24. US programming standard
- 27. Penn. ARS home to the 911th Airlift Wing
- 28. Former airline
- 29. Engine need
- 30. Building extension
- 33. Tree product
- 34. Mining goal
- 35. Carpet
- 37. Nickel or dime
- 40. Greek letter
- 41. Ga. ARB home to 22nd AF/94th Airlift Wing
- 42. Called
- 43. Broadcast

- 47. Aircrew school at Fairchild AFB
- 48. Eragon actor Jeremy
- 49. Willow ____ ARS; Penn. station home to 913th Airlift Wing
- 51. Shiny cloth
- 52. Niagara ____ ARS; N.Y. station home to 914th Airlift Wing
- 53. Epochs
- 54. ____ Moines
- 58. Thailand, formerly
- 60. R&B singer
- 61. Sleeping place

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SUDOKU

For solution, see SUDOKU, B4

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Team Hickam History
The Air Force’s most historic airfield

June 26, 1948 — The USAF launched “Operation Vittles,” also known as the Berlin Airlift. C-47 and C-54 aircraft and personnel of the Pacific Division, Military Air Transport Service (MATS), deployed from Hickam to Germany in support of Operation Vittles, which delivered 2.3 million tons of cargo to West Berlin between June 1948 and July 1949.

June 25, 1950 — North Korea begins the invasion of South Korea. Four North Korean YAK fighters, attacking low in pairs, strike a Hickam-based Pacific Division MATS C-54G (#5518) parked at Kimpo Airport (some 30 miles south of the 38th parallel, just west of Seoul). None of the crew was injured. Although the plane did not burn, it was un-fly-able. Two hours later, North Korean fighters again strafed Kimpo and completely destroyed the C-54. This was the first American aircraft

lost in the Korean conflict.

June 25, 1980 — Captain Angelia Newsom became the first female Air Force officer assigned to Wake Island.



June 25, 1980 — Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Hans A. Mark visited Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

June 25, 1988 — Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita and his wife landed at Hickam for a refueling stop en route back to Tokyo after an economic summit meeting in Canada.

June 26, 2003 — The 15 AW held its last initial readiness responses exercise (IRRE), as the wing began transitioning to its operational C-17 mission. Future evaluations would be operational readiness exercises.

Hierarchy of Stress

Jenny



CHAPEL

Editor’s note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests, call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

PROTESTANT Nelles Chapel Sunday Contemporary Service 8:30 a.m. Sunday Gospel Worship 11:15 a.m. Sunday Praise Gathering 5:30 p.m. Chapel Center Sunday Traditional 8:30 a.m.	JEWISH Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor 473-0050 Jewish Lay Leader Mr. David Bender 527-5877 Naval Station Chapel 473-3971	CATHOLIC Nelles Chapel Weekday Mass Mon.-Thu., 11:30 a.m. Saturday Confessions 4:15 p.m. Saturday Mass 5 p.m. Chapel Center Sunday Mass 10 a.m.	BUDDHIST Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin A Shin Buddhist Temple 536-7044 ORTHODOX For more information call 438-6687	ISLAMIC Friday Congregational Service (1935 Aleo Place, Punahou) 1 p.m. Muslim Association of Hawaii 947-6263
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AT THE MOVIES

Memorial Theater 448-2297 • CLOSED Monday and Tuesday

Friday, 6 p.m., Sunday and Wednesday, 7 p.m.,



‘28 Weeks Later’ – Six months have passed since the Rage virus has decimated the population of the British Isles. The U.S. Army declares that the war against infection has been won. As the first wave of refugees return with a terrible secret: the virus is not yet dead, and this time it is more dangerous virulent and lethal than ever. Starring Jeremy Renner, Harold Perrineau Jr. Rated R for violence, gore, language, sexuality, nudity. Length: 91 min.



Friday, 8:30 p.m., and Saturday and Thursday, 7 p.m.

‘The Condemned’ – A select group of death row inmates are offered the opportunity to compete in a deadly game on an abandoned island for one week. The winner of the game will avoid execution and have his or her sentence commuted to life imprisonment. Let the mayhem begin. Starring Steve Austin, Vinnie Jones. Rated R for violence, language. Length: 113 min.

SOLUTIONS, From B3

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SUDOKU, From B3

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Airman rigs chutes, travels the globe

By Tech. Sgt.
Chris Vadnais
AFNEWS

Sometimes, Airman 1st Class Darrius Armstead, Jr. says his job can be tedious.

“It gets monotonous sometimes,” he said. “I mean it gets to the point where I’ll sit there and start tying my shoes like that.”

Airman Armstead, an air transport specialist for the 15th Logistics Readiness Squadron’s Combat Mobility Element, says one part of his job is rigging huge parachutes for C-17 Globemaster III airdrop exercises.

Rigging parachutes is the process of packing a parachute and securing its lines to prepare it for deployment.

The chute and its lines are secured with dozens of knots — sometimes more than 70 of them — and Airman Armstead and his coworkers often rig chutes all day long.

But rigging parachutes is only part of the job. Hickam’s CME provides ground support for C-17 tactical airlift operations. That means deploying to austere environments in the wake of natural disasters, to provide help to allies and friends in the region, and in support of the global war on terror.

For example, in February 2006 a massive mudslide took out a village on the island of Leyte in the Southern Philippines. A C-17 from Hickam carried food, water, tents and heavy equipment to the area. A CME team that included Airman Armstead deployed to offload the vital supplies and gear to assist the relief mission.

Contingencies like this are the reason the CME exists, and according to Armstead, they’re the best part of the job.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo

“I’ve only been in for two years and I’ve already been four different places,” he said. “My sister’s been in for six and hasn’t really gone anywhere yet, so that’s pretty cool.”

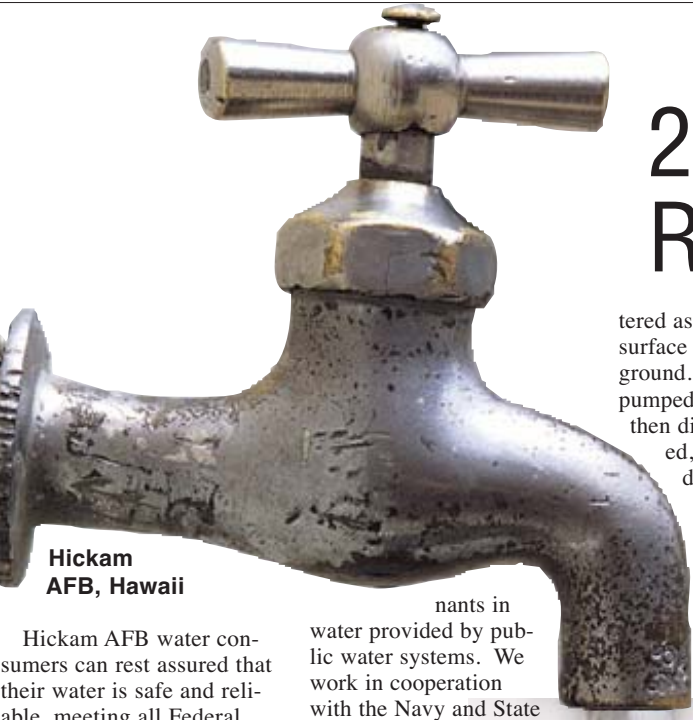
Whether he’s traveling around the world or sitting in a Hickam hangar rigging parachutes, Airman Armstead said he feels lucky to be a part of his team.

“I think CME is probably one of the best things that you could ever get into,” he said. “So I’m glad I got to do it.”



(Above) Airman 1st Class Darrius Armstead watches over his team as they pack a parachute in Hanger 7 at Hickam. The Airmen are from the 15th Logistics Readiness Squadron Combat Mobility Element. They are preparing the parachute to be rigged to a practice airdrop bundle.

(Left) Air transportation specialists load a practice airdrop bundle onto a K-Loader at Hanger 7 at Hickam Air Force Base.



Hickam
AFB, Hawaii

Hickam AFB water consumers can rest assured that their water is safe and reliable, meeting all Federal, Air Force, State, and local safe drinking water requirements. Continual monitoring at the source and within the system ensures only safe quality drinking water is supplied on Hickam. Federal Law requires we publish this consumer confidence report to provide water quality information to the consuming public; however, consumers would be notified immediately if a regulated contaminant exceeded standards. Presented in this report is information on the source of our water, its constituents, and the health risks associated with any contaminants. SSgt Cruz and Capt Gilliam of the Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight are available at 449-6814 to answer any questions you have about your drinking water quality. Safety and health of our people and family members are paramount. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants

in water provided by public water systems. We work in cooperation with the Navy and State to protect our water from contaminants. Within the boundaries of Hickam AFB, the State and the Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight monitor for contaminants in the water system. All contaminant levels were well below the established health and safety limits. The Pearl Harbor Water System is continually working to protect the water from contaminants. The State of Hawaii Department of Health has completed the Source Water Assessment in early 2004. This document identifies the susceptibility of your water supply to contamination. The source water assessment is available for review by contacting the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, Public Affairs at 471-7300.

What is the source of my water?

Hickam AFB water is supplied by the Pearl Harbor Water System. The Pearl Harbor Water System uses groundwater from local aquifers as its water source. Groundwater is naturally filtered

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as it travels from the surface to the aquifer below ground. The water is pumped from the aquifer, then disinfected, fluoridated, and piped into the distribution system. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health as those limits set by EPA for public water systems.

Why does my water have an unusual odor or taste?

The water on Hickam may taste differently than what you are accustomed; however, it still meets all applicable standards. Several things cause different odors and tastes coming from ground water. Some are caused by dissolved salts and minerals as the water percolates through the ground to the aquifer. Some minerals may be filtered out of the water. The absence of minerals such as manganese, calcium, and iron, may cause the water to taste bland. The water on Hickam may also taste differently than water at other areas on the island because some of the local water systems do not add chlorine, as the Pearl Harbor Water System is required to do by Navy policy. Adding a small chlorine “residual” is

a standard industry practice to prevent pathogens, such as bacteria, from growing within the system. Chlorination is one added factor of safety to ensure your water is safe. Another factor that may affect taste is the water temperature. When water is warm, it may not seem to taste as pleasant as when it is cold. Although the water may taste differently here than other areas on the island or from your previous locations, the water is safe for consumption.

Why are there contaminants in my water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

What are some possible contaminants?

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals,

- which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

What are the sampling results?

The Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight and Pearl Harbor Public Works Center constantly monitor for various contaminants in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. The actual results are listed in the appendix. The contaminants listed in the table were analyzed at levels above laboratory detection limit; however, levels are well below the EPA and State Safe Drinking Water limits. Contaminants not present in the drinking water or analyzed below laboratory detection limits are not included in the table. Hickam AFB Water System meets all applicable standards and complies with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulation. If the water ever became unsafe to drink on the base, we would immediately notify the public and take appropriate actions to provide safe drinking water to all base residents and workers.

For additional information regarding this report, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, please contact the Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight at 449-6814.

SOFTBALL, From B5

plate as Gill scored. First baseman Kau'i Miranda connected for an RBI single, moving to third on right centerfielder Joanne Caine's single up the middle. Two more singles followed, one for an RBI by 3rd baseman Shannon Lilley then a bases-loading bloop by 2nd baseman Jody DeKnikker.

Catcher Sam Ward was the last of the singles parade, bringing in Caine. Right fielder Kathleen Rubler temporarily knotted the game at eight with a sacrifice fly, bringing SDs top of the lineup to the plate for the second time that inning.

Having walked earlier to start the barrage, Arakaki uncoiled this at bat, ripping a two-RBI triple that - if you're willing to ignore the umpire's safety warnings in order to try and get a good picture - you could actually hear hiss as it passed by.

Something Different looked like the base team 'same ol' same ol,' attacking for eight runs to go up 10-8 after three innings. A pair of Hapa runs in the fourth knotted the game back at 10.

Then came one of the most uncommon sights in slow-pitch softball: a pitcher's dual broke out.

Gill threw a six-pitch, no-hit fifth inning. SD was blanked in the bottom of the inning.

Each team failed to get a base runner in the sixth, leaving each with one more at bat in regulation.

In the 7th, Gill was the pitching gold standard of frugality. After giving up a hit on the first pitch, the next batter immediately popped out to short. The third batter also swung on the first pitch, cranking a hard liner to the hot box. Lilley caught and picked the batter of first.

Three pitches, three outs, one double

play and one big smile.
"It was our fifth game of the day, it was hot outside, and I was getting tired," she said. "Any reason to get back in the dugout is a good one."

After failing to score in their half of the seventh, playoff innings became a necessity. The tournament winner would be determined by international rules, which meant a new twist.

The batter who made the last out in the previous inning is rewarded with starting the next inning as an in-play runner at second. The Hapa player who had that distinction was the lone scorer, giving them a one-run lead three outs from victory.

Ward went out to scoring position at second, coming around to tie the game at 11 off a single by Arakaki.

Nollman followed with a single of her own, bringing Gill — who had started the RBI assault in the third — to the plate with the championship winning score 18 steps away at second base.

Her game-winning hit to left field needed every ounce of hustle Arakaki could muster.

With the relay already in the catcher's mitt, the speed-to-burn shortstop knew she had only one chance on the slide home.

"I had to get as outside as possible." She accomplished that, swinging out two feet from the plate-guarding catcher before pushing back with her sliding right leg, sliding the top half of her batters-gloved hand across the plate's corner before the tag.

A 12-11 victory for the home team - something not uncommon for 'something different.'



Hickam Historical Archive

The American flag flies on Hickam Field while fires rage following the Japanese attacks on Dec. 7, 1941.

Signs trace Hickam's history, traditions

Spotlight Tour: Memorial Circle

Among nine recently installed historical signs throughout Hickam is one relating the history of Memorial Circle..

Today, the original 75-foot-tall flagpole erected on Oct. 18, 1938 still stands at what was then called Hickam Field. The American flag flew from this flagpole during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack, and that historic flag is currently preserved and displayed in the PACAF Headquarter's "Courtyard of Heroes."

At the base of the flagpole are numerous heritage markers including one listing every person killed on the December 7 attack on Hickam Field.

Other notable plaques include dedications to the 11th Bombardment Group and the 31st Bombardment Group. Another marker notes Hickam Field's status as a National Historic Landmark, a status the base has held since 1985.

For more history and background on this location, visit the historical signage site just outside of the circle near the wing headquarters building.

